

SUSTAINABILITY GOAL #4

Enhance partnering to collaboratively develop, integrate, and implement regional sustainability.

PARTNERSHIP



FORT CARSON, COLORADO

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Students from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs assist with wetland mitigation on Fort Carson.

Where the goal fits in the Fort Carson Strategic Action Plan

- Goal #1 Promote mutual respect, professional development, personal growth and teamwork, while celebrating success.
- Goal #2 Provide the services and support that contribute to mission readiness.
- Goal #3 Positively contribute to the spiritual, physical, psychological, and emotional well-being of the Mountain Post Community and create opportunities to enhance understanding of Fort Carson for our local neighbors.
- Goal #4 Provide vibrant, healthy, safe and environmentally-friendly places and spaces and Hometown services for the Mountain Post.
- Goal #5 Transform Fort Carson people, processes, products, places and profits – to show by our actions what sustainability and environmental management is, and its critical role in meeting the mission in all its dimensions by 2027.

Fort Carson initiated and collaborated with over two dozen non-profit organizations and governments interested in promoting sustainability education to develop the new Southern Colorado Sustainable Communities charter.

Installation sustainability planners provided their energy and expertise this year to sustainable development implementation efforts in El Paso County. Specifically, Fort Carson has participated on the City of Colorado Springs' Sustainable Environment Plan Committee; the Green Cities Coalition committees organized by the Pikes Peak Justice and Peace Commission; and provided information consultation to Colorado Springs Utilities.

Fort Carson also serves on the Technical Advisory Group of Colorado Springs Utilities, the City of Colorado Springs' Citizens' Transportation Advisory Group, the Board of Directors of CORE (Connected Organizations for a Responsible Economy – a sustainable business trade association) Colorado and various "Vision Councils" of the Pikes Peak United Way Quality of Life Indicators Project.

Fort Carson is collaborating with members of the Climate Change Coalition (El Paso County), Colorado Springs Utilities and the State of Colorado Governor's Energy Office to develop a regional sustainable energy planning process in 2009.



Staff from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Colorado Department of Transportation and Fort Carson, examine one of the rare plants on the Walker Ranch Army Compatible Use Buffer easement land during a tour for CDOT to learn more about the rare plants and Army led protection efforts.

FUTURE GOAL 4 INITIATIVES:

- Additional SCSC events will be organized by local governments and/or citizen organizations in 2009. Fort Carson will be a SCSC event presenter to provide expertise for relevant topics.
- Provide ongoing sustainability education and implementation assistance to governments and citizen organizations.

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Helping citizens and governments understand the benefits of sustainable development and creating or improving the environmental, economic, social and individual well-being of their communities, region and state.
- Working with local, regional and state planning agencies to design and create comprehensive, sustainable land use and transportation systems.
- Educating Fort Carson personnel and partner organizations to be more effective and enhancing the mutual benefit and value of partnerships.



Colorado Springs Utilities volunteers, for the second year in a row, helped construct an education and recreation pavilion on Fort Carson. The Townsend Reservoir Community Pavilion was completed in May of 2008.